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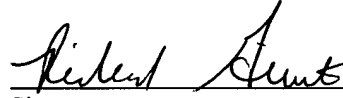
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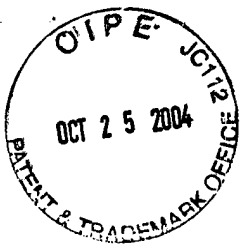
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Respectfully submitted,
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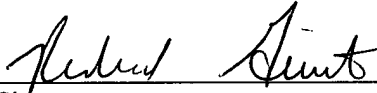
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of the present application, each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action is addressed below. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 11, and 19 are independent. Claims 11-12 and 14-25 and 27-28 stand rejected. Claims 1-10 have been allowed and claim 13 has been deemed to recite allowable subject matter. As noted in section II below, claim 26 is also believed to be allowed on the basis of its dependency from claim 1, but appears to have been inadvertently omitted from the listing of allowed claims in the Office Action.